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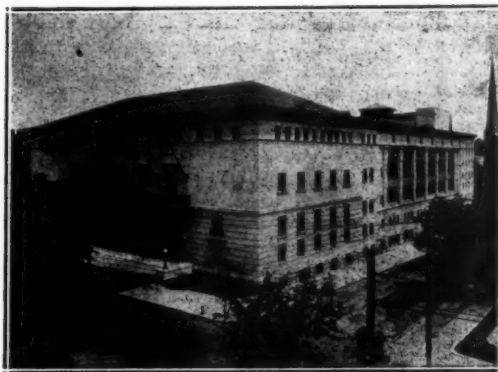
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October 6 to 12 Inclusive

NOTICES

ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

If you are thinking of attending the Assembly please drop us a card and tell us how many will be in your party. This will help us to know about how many beds to get. Thirty are coming in a bus from a small church in Missouri, twenty from a church in Maryland, a carload from Long Beach, Calif., and many others from these and other states have written in. Please let us hear from you. — E. L. Simmons, 407 Bell Ave., N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

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This will serve as notice to the district pastors of Alabama to proceed with the calling of pastors for the churches which we ourselves weren't able to reach.—W.W. Harmon, overseer of Alabama.

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Any one having a gospel tent for sale about Assembly time write me at Gladstone, Va. or see me at the Assembly.—R. L. Rexrode, Gladstone, Va.

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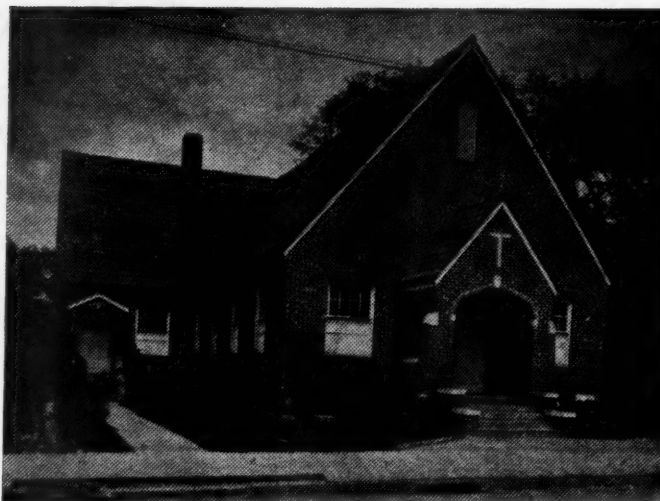
MARK 16:18

The two ministers referred to in Sept. 8th issue of Evangel who were bitten by snakes in Alabama were not Church of God ministers.—Editor.

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To the Churches of God in West Virginia: Greetings in the name of the Lord. As we are nearing the close of the church year, and are looking forward to the General Assembly, I write this as a reminder. It is necessary for the best interests of the Church that the ministers all be present at this great convention, and I want to ask each church to begin now to make preparation to have your pastor present. If everyone will help a little he can be present, and be present. (Continued on page 14)

SPECIAL NOTICE



All Church of God bishops in the United States and islands of the sea are requested to meet at the Church of God, 19 W. Bell Ave., North Chattanooga, Tenn. at 9:00 a. m., Oct. 5, for Bishops' Council. This meeting will not be a delegated body but all bishops in the Church are entitled to a voice in the meeting. All have an equal right and a special invitation to attend.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

ANNUAL REPORTS

All clerks of local churches be sure to send in the annual report forms that have been mailed you by the General Secretary. If you haven't received one of these blanks, please write for one at once as this is very important.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

The programs of the Assembly will be off the press by Wednesday of this week. We will mail one immediately to all those who are on the program. Others wishing to have one mailed, send in request with 3c stamp.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS

As the books at the office will have to be closed for the Assembly we are urging our people to send in at once all funds on hand for general indebtedness. Some states have sent in but very little, while some have paid their entire quota and others have paid half or possibly two-thirds. It is very necessary to push this general indebtedness drive so that all these debts will be liquidated by the coming Assembly. We wish to urge the state overseers who have failed to send in but little for their state, to make one desperate effort to get their people to pay their quota.—S. W. Latimer General Overseer.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYER FOR THE ASSEMBLY

I am asking that all Church of God people join us in prayer on Sept. 23rd for the 29th Annual Assembly of the Church of God which will convene in Chattanooga, Tenn. at the Memorial Auditorium, Oct. 6-12 inclusive. We hope that this will be the greatest Assembly in all the history of the Church of God. Please pray that God may have His way in every heart and that His will will be done in all the deliberations of the Assembly. — S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

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E. C. CLARK, Editor

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EDITORIAL STAFF: R. P. JOHNSON, T. S. PAYNE, PAUL H. WALKER, E. W. WILLIAMS, S. J. WOOD

If you don't have victory, pray through.

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Modernism will always be a thorn in the flesh of inspired Christian theology.

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The League of Nations has admitted Red Russia as a member. God has said though the wicked go hand in hand, they shall not go unpunished. "Can one take coals of fire in his bosom and not be burned?"

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Under the reign of Hitler in Germany there has been 1031 newspapers suspended or ordered to cease publication. When the freedom of the press goes it remains that liberty of individuals to think, say, and act has been taken away.

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According to Palestine Commercial Bulletin there were 38,656 Jews who entered Palestine during the year 1933.

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The madness of dictatorship in Europe, especially Russia, Germany, Italy, Austria, and other small entates are strong indications that the wild beast of Rev. 13 is on his way. When you can't sell your pig or your cotton, you can't plant your crops, you can't buy nor operate an industry without regulation of Federal law, they are strong indications that the reign of the beast is almost here.

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RELIEF

Under date of Sept. 8th Literary Digest quotes Donald R. Reichburg, Executive Secretary of the Executive Council, as saying in his

report to the president that relief cases in the nation were now around the highest mark ever reached and that 5,000,000 families—from twenty to twenty-three million persons, or one sixth of the population—would be on relief rolls by next February. What has become of the NRA?"

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PROHIBITION

Reports given by secretary and chief publicity agent of the Methodist Board of Temperance Prohibition and Public Morals, state the following: "Figures gathered by the above named board show that there was an increase of 31.68 per cent in drunkenness in 192 cities during the first three months of 1934 as compared with the same period during the preceding year. In states controlling liquor sales the increase in drunkenness was 19.19 as compared with 40.81 per cent in licensed states. The board cites that in Coatesville, Penn., arrests jumped to 1100 per cent. A survey of conditions in New York showed an increase of 29.42 per cent, Chicago an increase of 7.03, Cincinnati a decrease of 21.48, Cleveland an increase of 21.72 per cent, Baltimore a decrease of 18.13 per cent, Los Angeles an increase of 115.18 per cent, Philadelphia an increase of 24.76 per cent and an increase of 11.11 per cent of driving while intoxicated.

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At the beginning of prohibition in 1920 during the first three-months period arrests in Baltimore were 149, last three months of 1933 arrests increased to 1506; Cleveland 249—2,215; Washington,

D. C. 297—1,302; Los Angeles 279—2,088; Pittsburg 798—2,015. In the face of these figures which doubtless are reliable facts, prohibition was much safer for the American public. With such an increase in drunkenness it will not be long before America will be ready to vote dry again.

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WEALTH OF THE DEAD SEA

Dr. Chalmers, editor of Jewish Magazine, quoting from Jewish Daily Bulletin, Aug. 1st, states: "According to Major T. G. Tulloch, British engineer, the Dead Sea has enough potash to last the world for over 2000 years."

Note: The favorable fruit conditions of Palestine, and the returning millions of dollars of wealth to that country and other wealth known to exist there, makes it the enviable treasure of Antichrist.

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EVANGEL DRIVE

Only two weeks remain until somebody will receive one set of Matthew Henry's Commentary as a premium for securing the largest number of yearly subscriptions to the Evangel. You had better put forth an increased effort to make sure you're the lucky one. The paid subscription list now stands double what it was two years ago. Hurry!

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REVIVALS

There have been many wonderful revivals held throughout the churches this year which has resulted in a great increase to the Church in general. Many of these bright, shining faces will be seen at the General Assembly at Chattanooga, Tenn. which convenes

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Oct. 6-12. This has been a great year for the Church, Sunday School, mission field, Publishing House. Meet us at the General As-

sembly and let us rejoice together for the victory which God has given us.

stands in urgent need of more adequate equipment and facilities.

We are not at the forks of the road where we are going to split and tear up but we are going to make new improvements to care for a growing and successful Church movement. This movement is the Church of God, Biblical in its origin, doctrine and purpose, Biblical in its name, and does not usurp authority over other organizations or of the civil courts when it uses that name. Now you take off your green goggles, get your eyes open and come on to the General Assembly which convenes at Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 6-12 inclusive, and we will assure you the time of your life.

Brother Simmons, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, told me a few days ago that rooms would not cost delegates any more this year in Chattanooga than they formerly had cost in Cleveland. You will be surrounded there with all the historical features of one of the most beautiful cities in the South, but the most important thing during this time will be the General Assembly of the Church of God. Now we are expecting you to be there with your face shining and ready to rejoice in the truth.

The General Assembly

E. C. Clark, Editor

It is now only three more weeks until the General Assembly of the Church of God will convene in Chattanooga, Tenn., at the Memorial Auditorium. It is time that you were making your plans to come if you have not already made them. Now listen, if you do not come you are going to miss it. We are going to have a great Assembly and you should be there for your personal edification, enjoyment, and spiritual welfare. So do not let the day slip upon you and find you unprepared to come. Ministers, brothers and sisters will be gathered there from all over the United States and different islands of the sea, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, Bahamas, and other countries.

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AN UNUSUAL GROWTH

The Church has had an unusual growth this year in number of ministers added, churches set in order, and new Sunday Schools organized, and now you just can't keep these people at home, they are coming and if you do not come along also you are going to miss the greatest feast of your life. Now we are not planning on wearing peacock feathers nor are we planning on imitating something that hangs by its tail up in a tree, but we expect some old time shouting and praising God along with some of the best orthodox preaching that you ever heard among any church movement that attempts to preach the whole Gospel. We have a class of ministers who know how to do it and they will be there attired in full regalia and under the anointing of the power of the Holy Spirit, so you had better come.

IMPORTANT MATTERS

There are many important matters to be discussed during the bishops' councils which concern the growth, success, and future of the Church. These items of business will come before the General Assembly for final ratification, which will be encouraging to those

who are present. Now we are not firing wild shots into the air, we are making no boast of having thousands of followers that we do not and may never have. There is no necessity for camouflage about religion. It is our purpose to speak the truth of the Gospel of Christ and the truth concerning the progress and business matters of the Church. We are not facing a crisis but we have come by way of success and increased membership in the Church to the time and place when we must necessarily make many new improvements. We are not holding an empty sack, nor have we been working for treasures to put into a bag with holes in it. We are growing and know it and in order to keep pace with the progress of a growing church movement, we must step out and do some things that will make us all feel better after they are done.

ALL DEPARTMENTS

Have grown to the extent that there must be something done as we told you before. Our delegation at the General Assembly last year was somewhere from nine to twelve thousand people. The city of Cleveland was literally overflowing with delegates. Discussion therefore of the location of the General Assembly and the possibility of a new and larger Auditorium is important in the light of apparent need. A publishing house is an urgent necessity. Right now we are working eight more employees than we were June a year ago, and must have enlarged quarters, added equipment, etc. We are absolutely crowded out in our present quarters.

The Bible School has also grown in unheard of proportions. Last year there were two hundred and twenty students benefited by its curriculum. The Bible School superintendent is expecting at least three hundred this year. He has added new subjects, and some new professors and instructors, to make the school what, in his opinion, it should be and what your boy and girl need. The Bible School also

HIGH POINT, N. C.—A successful revival was recently conducted at the Church of God in High Point. Brother W. M. Stallings of Lenoir, N. C. did the preaching. Six were filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. God is blessing here. The people love Brother Stallings and want him to come back again. Sister Erma Reed of Lexington was at the piano. We appreciate Sister Reed and want her to come again. The church is coming to the front. We have gained seven new members the past month and they are fine people. We had Brother A. J. Swift of Erwin to teach our singing school. Our singing has improved very much. Just a word to pastors in North Carolina, you won't make a mistake in getting Brother Swift for a school. He is a Church of God man filled with the Holy Ghost. What a time we had in school! We would just stop singing and go to shouting and the people came out to hear. It is a good advertisement for your church. Brother Swift stayed twenty days. You may get in touch with Brother Swift at Box 192, Erwin, N. C.—Yours for the Master, D. R. Robinson, pastor.

Can We Live Without Sinning?

RUDOLPH HOGLAND

The thing people are crying every day is, "We cannot live without sinning. We just have to sin a little every day." Maybe you have never heard any one say that, but it has been said. I once heard a very prominent church member say that he had heard several persons say they were living without sin but said he believed them to be deluded. God, help such people as that to repent of their sins and be filled with the Spirit of God. I am not at all fighting churches or their members but such doctrine with which they are deluded. We can readily see that they need God. Such people are leading millions right off into hell and going there themselves.

Read Matt. 15:14; Luke 6:39; Rev. 13:10. Many people today are clinging to something (sin) that is going to cast them into the bottomless pit that burns with fire and brimstone. As the prophet Jeremiah says, "They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace," Jer. 6:14. We find preachers today telling the people it is all right to sin, that we can't live without it, and when people get under conviction for their sins the preacher tells them that they are all right, or they need no repentance, thus healing slightly their wound. So beware lest you believe a lie and be damned.

Read 2 Thess. 2:8-12. God help preachers not to be so limber-backed, but preach more gospel. Acts 2:38. If more preachers had God in their lives, less people would be deceived and damned. They cry, Peace, peace, where God's Word says there is no peace for the wicked. Isa. 48:22. The man that sins (the wicked) has no peace in his soul. Now we know that God's Word says, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one," Rom. 3:10. V. 11-18 of the same chapter will show us who Paul was speaking about, the people who had forsaken God and gone out of the way. We find the scripture that Paul was referring to written in Psalms 14:2-4. It was simply speaking of the backslidden children of Israel. We know there is no good or righteous backslider, for God said, "If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleas-

ure in him," Heb. 10:8. In 1 John 1:8 we find, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." I do not dispute having sins, but I have sent them on before to judgment as spoken of in 1 Tim. 5:4, and they are under the blood of Jesus. We have all sinned, but God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin condemned sin in the flesh. Rom. 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death." Why should we then sin and die? Jesus did not die for us to sin but to live without sinning. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Ezek. 18:4-20. "And we know that all unrighteousness is sin." 1 John 5:17. 1 John 3:5 says, "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins, and in him is no sin." If Jesus was manifested, He was to take away our sins, and we cannot live without sinning. Then Jesus suffered, bled and died in vain.

Let us see what Jesus died for. Eph. 5:25-27, a holy church. Why do you fight holiness and say we cannot live without sinning, after reading Eph. 5:27; Isa. 55:8; Heb. 12:14; 1 Peter 1:15, 16; 1 Peter 2:21, 22; 2 Peter 3:10, 11? Let us again see what John says about sin. "He that committeth sin is of the devil," 1 John 3:8. Jesus told Nicodemus, "Except a man (not a child) be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." St. John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." Now if you are not living without sinning a little every day, and saying, "We just cannot live without sin," just read 1 John 3:9 and you will find that you have never been born again.

Dear ones, the quotation you have so often heard, "He that saith he liveth and sinneth not, is a liar and the truth is not in him," is not scriptural, or not to be found in all the Bible, but is gotten up by those who try to justify themselves in their sinful conditions and to go on after the flesh and not after the Spirit. Some say, "We can sin with the body and keep our souls free from sin." We hear Paul say in Rom. 12: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God which is your reasonable ser-

vice." Our bodies must be holy too.

Let us now turn to 1 Cor. 3:16, 17 and see that we are the temple of God, and if we defile God's temple, our bodies, with sin, He will destroy us. See also 1 Cor. 6:18. Rom. 6:12 says, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof." We see in Rom. 8:3 that Jesus condemned sin in the flesh. If He condemned it, how much more should we? Some one then might say, "That is just the carnal mind or carnal nature of man and he cannot help sinning by reason of the carnal mind." Rom. 8:6 says, "For to be carnally minded is death." We can truthfully answer the question asked in the title of this article, by the Bible, and say that you can live without sinning. May God bless you and help you to see that you must be born again, St. John 3:3-7, and live without sin right here in this present life if you expect to meet Jesus in peace and be saved. Read Titus 2:11-15; Luke 1:73-75; Eph. 1:4; Heb. 12:14; Psalms 9:17; Rev. 21:8-27. Yours for Jesus and a holy life.

SPECIALS

MONETTE, Ark.—Brother Arthur Moss and wife did the preaching in the revival at the Walnut Ridge church. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Many souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Nine were added to the church and ten baptized in water by the writer. Our district overseer, Brother W. A. Ledford, brought a wonderful message on "Baptism." The saints were encouraged. Please pray for us in the work here.—Your humble brother Lona Marlin, pastor.

RANGER, Ga.—I praise God for the revival at Corinth Church of God near Whitestone, Ga. Brother J. B. Weeks and wife of West Green, Ga. began the meeting the fourth Sunday in May and stayed three weeks. It was a hard battle but God blessed and eight were saved, six sanctified and five baptized with the Holy Ghost. Brother Weeks baptized eight in water and five were added to the church with more to come in later. The saints were built up and encouraged. We have a greater determination to press forward and do more for the Lord. Please remember us in your prayers.—Thad Puckett, pastor.

Lest We Neglect

By W. G. LIGHTE

Text: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark. 16:15.

Our Commission

The above text was spoken by the Lord of glory after He had conquered death and the grave. Jesus wanted to impress on the minds of His apostles what great responsibility rested on their shoulders. While He was in the world, the responsibility of carrying the gospel of truth to the lost and dying, was, in a great measure, left to Him alone, but He knew that His departure from this world was soon at hand when He spoke the above text, therefore, He left this command to His apostles, that they might carry the good news to those who were burdened with a load of sin.

While Jesus was traveling the coasts of Galilee and plodding over the rugged hills of Judea, His innermost thought and desire was to do the will of His Father and to be a blessing to humanity. Had He not left His home in glory and come to this world of sin and degradation for the sake of lost souls? No doubt the angelic beings of the heavenly world drooped their heads in silence when God the Father willed to send His beloved Son to this lost and sin-darkened world, John 3:16, but God knew a ransom had to be paid, and, although the sacrifice pierced His heart like a dagger, He was willing to give His Son for our sakes. Jesus was not disobedient to His calling, but while here He preached the Word in its fullness and simplicity. He did not cater to the priests and rulers of the Jews, but His life was mingled with the poor class of that age. None were too poor for Him to administer a blessing upon; none had delved too far in sin for Him not to forgive, but He, with loving compassion for all, had a blessing for all those who would heed His call.

As stated before, at the time of this text Jesus was about ready to take His departure from this beautiful world, and He knew that someone would have to carry on the good work. Who could He have better chosen than those who had weathered the storms of life with Him while He was here in the min-

istry? Who were better qualified to proclaim the good tidings than those who had been with Him at the last supper? Who had more power with God than those who were with Him that awful night in the Garden of Gethsemane, when the powers of the demon-possessed mob came out against Him as a thief? I say unto you now that Jesus knew who would bear the crosses of this life and carry the blessed Word to the lost. He knew He could rely on His chosen few to do His bidding, although He would not be with them in person, therefore, He gave the above command to those unlearned, though Spirit-filled, men of God.

Obedience

St. Mark 16:20, "And they went forth, and preached EVERYWHERE, the Lord working with them, and CONFIRMING the word with signs following." This text leaves the impression on our mind that these apostles of our Lord obeyed His command and that He was with them in power. If you will closely notice this scripture you will find that THEY went forth, not one or two, but the entire eleven. No slackers were in that band of CALLED men, Jesus had commanded and they obeyed. You will also notice that they preached everywhere. There was no division as to who would go to the largest cities and preach the Word. There was no grumbling and complaining about what may befall them along the way on account of unbelief of the gospel, but they went forth and preached everywhere.

Can we not now see the rewards of their labor? With the millions who profess Jesus Christ as their Savior, did not all this spring up from the obedience of those eleven apostles who loved the Lord and did His bidding. I have heard about the hard times the ministers have to endure, but I am wondering if we don't expect a little too much sometimes. Who has suffered for God's cause like these apostles of old? Who has been beaten with stripes and nailed to the stake for the sake of the gospel? Who has given his life's blood on the cruel cross rather than compromise with the ways of the world? Oh, if we only had more

men like these dear old saints of God, those who went everywhere and preached the gospel.

Do you ask, "What benefit did they derive from preaching the gospel everywhere?" Let us see. Mark 16:20b states the result, "The Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." When they held their meetings the presence of the Lord was with them, overshadowing them with His love and power. After they had received the Pentecostal experience, we have record where thousands were added to them in one day's time. My, how God did work, how God did bless their efforts! What do you suppose would have happened if these apostles had failed to obey God's Word and the commandment of Jesus? I believe the kindled fire of Christianity would have been extinguished in its infancy. But no, these wonderful men of God, seemingly unmindful and undaunted by the hardships and the dangers, lifted high the banner of their Lord. Can we not see them as they slowly traverse the plateaus, plains, deserts and seas in order to be a blessing to lost humanity and to obey the command of their great Leader who had departed for a better world? No doubt many and many times they felt the pang of hunger, the aching of muscles, after a hard day's journey by foot over the burning sands of the deserts, but they looked ahead for a time to come when this would be over, when they could depart in peace to their heavenly mansion, St. John 14:2. Take the life of the beloved Apostle Paul. Was it not a life of sacrifice and devotion to the cause of the Master after his conversion? Did he not suffer untold agonies for this way? Yet, at the end of his journey, we hear him testify, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4:7. My brethren, there is a battle to be won for God and unless you and I shoulder arms and march to the front, there is a doubt in my mind as to whether or not we will be eligible to leave this world of sin when the great General descends from heaven for His beloved ones.

Our Foundation

Eph. 2:19-20. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God: And are built upon the

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Carnal Deception

K. P. UMBERGER

Text: 1 John 3:7

"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous even as He is righteous. The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be," Rom. 8:7.

Consider, if you please, the manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us and the great love wherewith He hath loved us, that we should be called the Sons of God: Therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew Him not. The Gospel plainly teaches that having become the Sons of God we shall be like Him when He appears, not only free from sin but have a glorified body. Here in this life or present world we have access to the throne of grace in order that we may put off the old man with his evil deeds, and put on the new man Christ Jesus and live a clean, pure, sanctified, holy life in order that we may be fit subjects for the glorified perfection in the glory land. Praise His name! "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure," 1 John 3:3.

The Word of God plainly teaches that he that committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. Sin is any want of conformity unto or transgression of the law of God. Jesus was manifested to take away our sins and in Him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not. Whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him. Let no man deceive you. (V. 7.)

The Word which is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe teaches us that he that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. We are assured by the Word of Truth that whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin because he is born of God. We cannot serve God and mammon at the same time. Neither does a fountain send forth sweet and bitter water at the same time. There is no such thing as a sinning Christian, a truthful liar, or an honest rogue. They were first called Christians at Antioch because they were Christ-like,

which meant a miniature Christ.

In the brief statements of these wonderful Bible truths are manifested the children of God and the children of the devil. Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God neither he that loveth not his brother. This is the message that we have heard from the beginning that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of that wicked one and slew his brother. Why? Because his own works were evil and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brother, if the world hate you (V. 13). For we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. Little children, let no man deceive you. He that doeth righteousness is righteous even as He is righteous. Praise the Lord for this admonition and consolation. He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked. 1 John 2:6.

Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor. 1 Thess. 4:3, 4. If a man therefore purge himself from these he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work. 2 Tim. 2:21. Having therefore these promises dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Cor. 7:1.

In conclusion of this brief discourse let us see what John has to say as he was inspired by the Spirit to write. "He that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us by the Spirit which he hath given us."

Sanctification is a cleansing process as the Scriptures very clearly show. It is a dangerous thing indeed to try to trample out the Word of God, but as a true statement, "Truth crushed to earth will rise again." If there are any who are digressing from these truths I trust that as they read

this broken discourse they will endeavor to make full consecration. With the following quotation I will close:

May Immanuel be your companion
In your pilgrimage day by day;
Consecrate your life to Jesus,
And He will with you stay.
Pray to Him with pleading petition,
That His will may be done in you;
Then will His cleansing power
Make you pure through and through.

SPECIAL

BETHEL, Ohio.—I thank God for the great and marvelous works He is doing here in Brown County, Ohio. July 1st Brother Coffey of Cincinnati came out and organized a Sunday School in our home with an attendance of twenty-one and we are expecting it to grow. Brother Coffey preached for us after Sunday School and the love of God came down and we received such refreshing showers. God healed one of our dear sisters for which we praise Him. Saints everywhere, pray for the work here. We need a Church of God here very badly. We praise God for Brother and Sister Hirsch of Moscow who have been so faithful. Pray for my husband that he will be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Day Phillips.

LEST WE NEGLECT

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FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES and prophets, JESUS CHRIST himself being the chief corner stone." From the above scriptures we find that Paul was writing to the saints at Ephesus telling them their foundation was built upon the apostles. If this be the case, does it not also apply to this age? Surely so, but what was the foundation of the apostles? Was it not Jesus Christ Himself? Yes, Jesus was the foundation, and should be ours of today. He laid the example for us to follow and we should walk in this life as He walked, 1 John 2:4. Sometimes I am made to believe that we do not walk in the footprints of the Savior. Sometimes we let the spirit of man do the leading instead of depending wholly upon the Spirit of God. During the days of the early apostolic ministry, everyone seemed ready and willing to do their

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SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

We have just closed a meeting at Vicco, Ky. which was conducted by the writer. The Lord surely did bless. The altar was full most every night. Eight were sanctified, eight baptized with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water and ten united with the church. Many said this was the greatest meeting that has ever been held in Vicco. We give God the praise and honor for it all. Bless His good name! Pray that we will stay in the center of His will.—John D. Raynor, Cullman, Ala.

MATTHEWS, Ga.—The Church of God at Matthews, Ga. had a wonderful revival. Evangelist Margaret Jacobs of Columbia, S. C. was in charge assisted by Sister Annie Sutherland. Great power and victory was manifested among the saints. Eleven were saved, eight sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. During the revival a Sunday School was organized with a goodly number present.

SHAW, Miss. — We began a meeting the first day of July at Stiner. We held on to God and He wonderfully blessed. Brother and Sister Scruggs helped me. Brother Mack Cogrel gave us some good preaching too. We set a church in order with nine members. We baptized five in water and had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. Pray for us.—Your humble servant, S. S. Monroe.

TROUT, La.—A two weeks' meeting at Good Pine, La., closed with six filled with the Holy Ghost. We had large attendance and good interest. Some saw the light on God's Word. The saints shouted for joy and rejoiced night after night as the waves of glory would come in a wonderful way. The writer and Brother J. M. Sandifer were in charge. We give God all the glory for the good that was done. Pray for me to stay humble and be able to win souls.—Your humble sister, Mrs. India Smith.

MARION, S. C.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us here. We have a good Sunday

School and preaching service every Sunday at eleven o'clock. There were two saved and one sanctified last Sunday night. Our pastor and wife are with us every service and the work is going on fine. Pray much for us. We are thankful to know that with the Lord's help we can win in the battle. Bless His name!—Mrs. J. L. Bonson, 521 Spring St.

WORKING FOR THE LORD

POINT, Tex.—I praise the Lord because He healed me of malaria. My husband and I held a two weeks' meeting at Ball Hill, twelve miles from Lufkin, Tex. This is a new place and the people knew nothing of being saved, sanctified or having the Holy Ghost. They had never heard of The Church of God. Many saw the light of the full gospel. Pray much for this place for there are prospects for a Church of God there later. I see the need of people who are willing to go to new places though they be hard. We need to try to reach every one possible and rescue them from a burning hell. Please pray for my husband and me that our lives will ever be used for the Lord and His Church.—Your humble sister, Mrs. Annie Belle Ivy.

CAIRO, Ga.—We had a successful revival in Thomas county near Pavo, Ga., where a new church was set in order July 22nd. Twenty-nine were saved, about fifteen sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, seven added to the church and five followed the Lord in water baptism. The church has a bright prospect in this community. The Sunday School is gaining. All who read this pray that God will lead us on. Services were held by the writer. We expect to pastor the rest of the year.—J. A. Hipps.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—We are glad to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for the Y. P. E. here. The Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way. We thank the Lord for our faithful band of young people. I also praise the Lord for the Church of God here. Ever since it was organized in February 1934 by Brother Russell

Ford we have been more determined than ever before to go on with the Lord. We desire an interest in the prayers of every one that God will continue to bless the Church of God in the "heart of the nation," and especially the Y. P. E.—One who loves the Lord, Mrytie Satterfield, Anacostia R. F. D. 4.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—Our new church is doing fine. We set the church in order May 23, 1934 at Barbourville, Ky., with seven members and put Brother W. H. Wright from North Carolina as pastor. The church has grown to about thirty members. They have a lot with lumber on the ground all paid for to build a house. This makes two church houses Brother Wright has built since he has been in the state. Pray for us.

A very successful meeting was held in Corbin, Ky. Brother D. C. Rayhill and wife of Louisville, Ky., were with us five weeks and three nights. Twenty-five were saved, fifteen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen added to the church and six baptized in water. Brother Rayhill surely did some fine preaching. He made many friends in Corbin. We hope to have him in our district again.—B. H. Enix, district pastor.

ERWIN, N. C.—I praise and honor the Lord for the wonderful revival we had at this place. Our dear pastor, Brother D. B. Yow, did the preaching with the Holy Ghost in charge. The revival closed at the end of three weeks. Twenty-six were saved, twenty-one sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty added to the church and twenty-nine baptized in water. Sunday night we observed the Lord's Supper and had feet washing. God's power was manifested in a wonderful way. Truly the Lord blessed throughout the revival and we thank Him for the witness of His Holy Spirit. All the saints seem to be encouraged to press the battle harder for Jesus. I covet your prayers that I will ever remain true to the Church and to God.—One who is looking for His coming, Sister Roena Bradshaw.

GADSDEN, Ala.—We are praising the Lord for the most wonderful revival that has been in Gadsden in years. Brother Earl Brewer and family came here and pitched a gospel tent. The enemy tried to

hinder but the saints of God held on until victory came night after night. Brother Brewer gave out soul-stirring messages which were both convicting and convincing. It was wonderful as broken-hearted sinners would fall in the altar and weep their way thru to victory. More than sixty were saved, fifty-six sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, forty baptized in water, and thirty-one added to the church. We are encouraged to press on as we feel that day approaching.—Willard Williamson.

FLINT, Mich.—The Lord has been blessing in Flint. We had a revival with eight saved, six sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister Alewine were in charge. The altar was full every night. We are looking for greater things. I want all the saints to pray for Flint that many souls will come to the Lord.—A sister in the Lord, Mrs. L. L. Turner.

COFFEEVILLE, Ala.—I praise the Lord for salvation and for the little church at Forestdale. Altho we live seven miles from our church, our prayers are for God to help us to do our duty toward it. Please pray for God to bless as He has. We love our pastor and family, Brother J. A. Hunt. Pray for us to live humble to the end.—A sister in Christ, Pearl McIntyre

I left Florida for the Bahamas on mission work. My first trip was to Abaco Island and my first visit was to Mellville. I found a church house there but all the saints had moved to the new farm leaving Sister Elizabeth and husband alone. I was taken care of by her and her husband. May God's blessings be on them. I preached five sermons there then I had to leave. I began prayer meeting at twelve o'clock and they continued it. The attendance was good and conviction fell on many.

I went to Copper Town and found all the saints on fire for God. I was well cared for while there. We had a good time together, that is a sweet band there. God bless them. From there I went to Cedar Harbor. We had a battle here but the Lord is saving. We then went to Forbs Hill and started a meeting in a rented house. The people came in crowds. Some were saved and some sanctified. The meeting was left in the hands

of Brother Monroe and Brother Bethel. My next place was Long Island. Pray for me.—Your humble brother in Christ, James Sutherland, 1635 N. W. 6th Court, Miami, Fla.

A WONDERFUL MEETING

JASPER, Fla.—Our revival at Green Ridge Church of God ran two weeks and two days. The Lord surely set His approval on the meeting by sending His power in a mighty way. Brothers Marshall O'Steen and Roy Kerce had charge of this meeting. Ten were saved, nine sanctified, five baptized in water, six added to the church. Demons were cast out and the sick healed. We had the Lord's supper and feet washing the first Saturday night of the meeting. Our pastor, Brother R. F. Kirkland, also assisted in the services from time to time. How we did enjoy the good things the last Sunday of the meeting! We had all-day meeting with dinner on the ground. Best of all we enjoyed the power and presence of the Holy Ghost. We have the state Sunday School banner of which we are proud. Please pray for me that I will be humble and true.—Mrs. Cora Boone.

LINDALE, Ga.—On July 22nd we closed a wonderful revival. Our pastor, Brother S. L. Cantrell, preached for us the first few nights, then Sisters Mrytle Whitehead and Pauline Jackson came over and preached for us. Many were blessed. There was old-time shouting, dancing and speaking in tongues. Twenty-two were added to the church and twenty-one followed the Lord in water baptism.

Pray for us here to keep on the firing line.—A humble brother, George Huff.

On July 4th Grand Ledge and Sebewa churches, under the direction of their good pastors, Brother Herbert McGuire and Sister Ruth Justin, had a Sunday School picnic together that will be long remembered by those who attended this feast—both natural and spiritual. God's presence and power was there from the very beginning. We met at V. B. state camp meeting grounds. Grand Ledge was proudly displaying the Michigan state Sunday School banner which they had won thru their united efforts under the direction of their pastor, Herbert McGuire.

The service opened with songs and prayers. God began to bless His children and we began to praise Him. We were made to realize that it was good to be there. Brother Sodermere spoke to us. Lunch was spread which was a real feast. The afternoon service started with songs and prayer. Then a lady came forward and presented the Sebewa church with an upright piano for which we thank the Lord. Brother Glen McGuire spoke to us after which we went to the water's edge and Brother C. R. Cook brought a wonderful message on "Water Baptism." The Holy Ghost put His approval on it. Two followed the Lord in water baptism. This brought to a close a very profitable day in Him.—W. H. Barnard Pontiac, Mich.

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THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY, WHAT?

A Missionary Sermon by the late
Rev. Scofield, D. D.

Selected by J. H. Ingram

The evangelization of the world, and not its conversion, is the mission committed to us. To do this, to preach the gospel unto the uttermost parts of the earth, to offer salvation to every creature, is our responsibility. It is the divinely appointed means for the calling out a people for His name, the Church, the "Ecclesia." So long as we persist in the error that to us is committed the conquest of the world, that it is our business to get the world converted, we shall devote to that purpose the resources in men and money, which, in a great part, ought to be used for evangelization.

I shall not soon forget the statement of a beloved brother upon this point. For years he had felt in his soul the call of the Spirit to evangelize the heathen. "But," said he, "I was a busy pastor in a large city full of unsaved men and women, and actually had upon my prayer list more than a hundred names of persons who were habitual hearers of the gospel in my church. Whenever the dreadful condition of the unevangelized heathen would come before me, I would say to myself, 'I cannot leave L—while so many remain out of Christ here at my very door.' At last it dawned upon me that every individual upon my list had heard and rejected the gospel hundreds of times, and that my whole duty to them had been discharged years before. Then I devoted my remaining years to the work of evangelizing, not converting the world."

Who does not know that our land is full of villages, each with from three to seven churches, where one faithful preacher could easily do the work of instructing the Christians there and keeping complete the work of evangelization? The number of individuals in England and America who have not heard the truth of the gospel in sufficient fulness to deprive them of excuse, is insignificant. The only possible pretense for the

concentration of so great a proportion of heralds in the so-called Christian lands is that the mission of the church is the conversion of all the unsaved of those lands. Understand, it is not questioned that the nurture of the believers, and the evangelization of the ever succeeding generations require the labors of many ministers. But it is insisted that the mission of the church is the evangelization of the world, and that this must not be suspended nor impeded while the main effort is making to convert the entire populations of evangelized lands.

A country is evangelized when the gospel has been fully preached there. Two examples from the Scriptures must suffice upon this point. The first church ever gathered, that at Jerusalem, was scattered abroad by a persecution divinely permitted, as we believe, because in no other way could it be brought to take up Christ's world-embracing purpose. But was Jerusalem a converted city when that scattering blow fell upon the church? Not at all; it was a thoroughly evangelized city. The other instance is Paul's statement in Romans 15:19-24. Here he says that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, he had fully preached the gospel. When he wrote, his purpose was to go, by way of Rome, unto Spain. Did Paul mean that in his missionary labors from Jerusalem and round about unto Illyricum he had brought these teeming populations to Christ? Not so; he had fully preached the gospel unto them. The result, to the glory of God and the joy of his faithful servant, was that everywhere some were saved.

RECEIVED SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

Sunday, July 1st, we had a rally day at the Church of God in Jasper, Fla. After a good Sunday School we entered the next service with songs, prayers, praises to God, and special music by different ones. Brother R. F. Kirkland, preached for us. The Lord blessed our souls. After a soul feast we went to the parsonage where a wholesome dinner was spread un-

der the tree in the yard.

In the afternoon service there was good music and a testimony service led by Brother C. M. Phillips. God surely sent a shower of blessings upon us. We had a contest on with the mountain removers. Total amount raised was \$65.00, and about \$10.00 in donations. We had helped pay two notes on the parsonage already with these removers and helped ceil the parsonage. God is surely blessing us here. There is good interest and some one praying thru along.

This is our third year here and we are sorry when we think of leaving. The folks are so good to us and the saints will surely stand by you with their prayers and co-operation. Pray for us that God will continue to bless us in His service. — Your brother, Floyd O'Bannon.

DEATH NOTICE

BINGHAM

Mrs. Bessie Bingham passed away at her home Sept. 12, 1934. She was sanctified and a faithful member of the Church of God. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, L. L. Turner.—Mrs. J. Biskner, Flint, Mich.

TEDDER

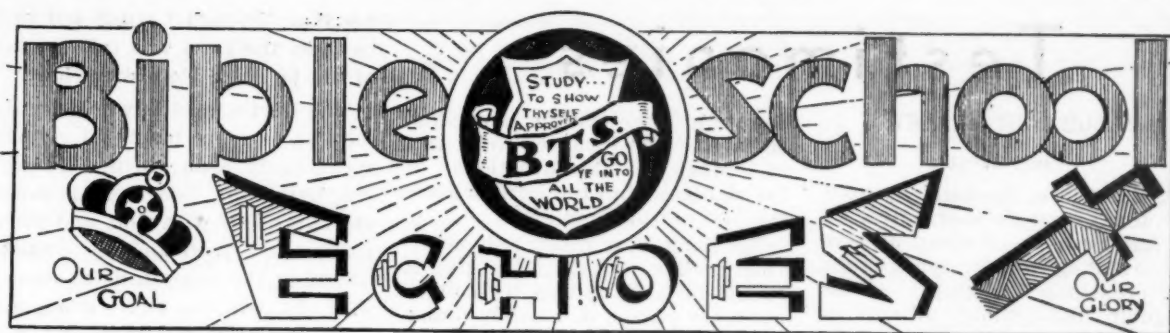
Little Naomi Elizabeth Tedder died Sept. 12, 1934 at the age of three years, nine months, and two days. She was the only child of Brother and Sister Ralph W. Tedder.—Mrs. J. A. Brewer, Sanford, N. C.

LOMLACE

Sister Nannie Lomlace died Sept. 5, 1934, at the age of sixty-eight years, two months, and one day. She had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God.—B. H. Smith, Henning, Tenn.

BENHAM

Joseph Leon Benham, third son of Joseph and Maggie Benham, was born Feb. 7, 1905 and died Aug. 9, 1934, at the age of twenty-nine years, six months and two days. Funeral services were conducted at the Cantwell Church of God, Brother W. J. Milligan, his pastor, officiating. Interment was made in K. P. cemetery at St. Francis, Mo. He was filled with the Holy Ghost and was a good worker in the church.—Howard Robertson.



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Work is under way now preparing the dormitory for the boys. We will have a large home newly painted, rooms plastered and kalsomined, and everything conveniently arranged. The girls will have a nice large dwelling close to the Auditorium, well furnished with new furniture, which will make it real cozy and home-like. Several new class rooms have already been built, and more yet to be built. We have a large study hall on the main floor of the Auditorium. The old study hall is being painted and remodeled for the dining hall and kitchen. Of course, all the rooms and arrangements here in the Auditorium are being made temporarily for this year, but will be far better than anything we have ever had before.

No doubt you have been planning for a long time (some for years) to attend Bible School, so this is your opportunity. Come on! Plan definitely and work your plans. May we look for you?

Write for further information.—J. H. Walker, Supt.

ATTENTION PLEASE

Recently Miss Mary Keithly of

Mahoning, Pa. sent for 100 of the books, "Consolation for the Tempted and Tried," and sold them in six hours. This young lady is hoping that she can come to Bible School this year. I believe a girl that can work like that deserves help. Don't you? I wonder if those who have books out and who say they cannot sell them could not be inspired by this young lady's work to try again. Please, everybody who have books, make another effort to sell them and send in your remittance before the Assembly so that we can settle with the Publishing House. Churches, please get these young people who want to go to Bible School on your hearts and lend a helping hand. If you older people have the work of the Lord on your hearts and are tied so that you cannot go, why not send a substitute? Would you not be glad to know that you have sent some one forth equipped for the Master's service who will carry on after you are gone?—Alda B. Harrison.

THANK GOD FOR PRIVILEGE OF PRAYER AND THOSE WHO PRAY THROUGH

Dear Evangel readers everywhere:

I thank the Lord for His precious blood, through which we have forgiveness of sins, sanctification, the Church of God, healing for our bodies, and finally eternal redemption. Of course I also praise Him for the blessed Holy Ghost.

At this time I wish to praise the Lord for healing me of appendicitis. Also I wish to thank all of you good people for your prayers in my behalf. I suffered intensely for thirty-six hours before I had any relief. (Only those who have experienced it know the suffering.) We called the saints in and they offered many fervent prayers and I know God heard and answered.

Dr. S. J. Sullivan, one of our leading physicians and surgeons of this city, examined me and said that my appendix had burst on

the outside of my intestine (the worst kind of rupture) at the time I got relief from the awful crampings, and that Nature (GOD) had thrown a wall around it and had the pus and poison inclosed in a pocket. He said he knew that every doctor in the city would agree with him that I should have an operation and put in a drain tube. He admitted to Brother Cross, however, that it would be a dangerous operation. He said if my constitution were stronger I might throw off the poison but it was too dangerous and that the only thing to do was have an operation.

Dear ones, at that time I was losing in the fight every hour, and I realized my strength was failing, but I wanted to trust the Lord. I knew that He could hear me, and believed that He would. The brethren came in and got hold of God for me and oh, what a blessing I did receive, when His gracious healing power swept over and through me. You good people everywhere were praying for me and I certainly appreciate it so much. A number wrote in and said, "Brother Walker, we have prayed through for you and can't feel any more burden." Thank God for the privilege of prayer, also for those who can PRAY THROUGH. My last seige of sickness before this came about seventeen years ago. His grace was sufficient then, and I have been able to trust Him and I find He is the same today. Praise the Lord.

The Lord willing, we hope to meet you at the Assembly in Chattanooga next month.—J. H. Walker, Supt. B. T. S.

REVIVAL IN NEW FIELD

GRAYSON, La.—Brother M. A. Parker conducted a meeting in a new community near Grayson, La. Thank God for sending us a shepherd who loved us enough to build us a tabernacle where the poor may hear the gospel.—Zona Harrelson.

Testimonies

JESUS OUR HEALER

Lillie West

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and for ever," Heb. 13: 8. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people," Matt. 4: 23.

Husband and I have depended on God for our healing for three years, also with our two children. To this day He has never failed. Thank the Lord. I'm so glad today that when conditions were most difficult we looked to the Lord. I had trusted in man for eight years. I had been under doctors' care most all the time, also had been to the hospital for three operations, but was not cured. One day a little over three years ago God began to talk to me and I began to realize God was a healer of all disease. I said, "Lord," (I was under a doctor at that time) "if you will heal me I will throw my medicine away," and I did. God healed me. I had worn glasses for eight years but God touched my eyes and I laid my glasses off and to this day I can read, sew, and see just as well as I could thru them. Praise His dear, precious name!

People might think we have been well all the time but not so, God has healed us so many times. He healed me of acute indigestion and other diseases without the aid of any medicine, and, too, He has healed our children many times. Among the last of our diseases (but not the least) was an affliction in the form of the itch or something of its nature. We began to try to pray and we kept trying and the disease kept getting worse. Words would fail me today in trying to tell just how bad we were suffering with it. We called for prayer sometimes and would be encouraged to be true while others would offer us remedies but we felt that the cause of holiness had already suffered enough by people going back and taking up things they had laid down, and in other ways so many people have failed to be true, so we felt God would be pleased for us to suffer rather than fail Him. Often the thought came to me, "He that

endureth to the end the same shall be saved," and I wanted to be saved. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."

We don't hear much about divine healing today. I feel like it should be held up and then lived, when we preach it. I surely praise the Lord for His healing power. I thank each one for their prayers and sympathy as the case might have been. Surely if God had not been good to us and answered the prayers of His people and had not been very near us, we would not have been true. For seven or eight months we suffered but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory. To Him belongs the glory and the honor forever. To Him belongs the honor for keeping us true and giving us shouting victory thru the most trying experiences of trusting God for our healing. Surely this is no time to give up. We are too near the end. To those who are going thru a test for the healing of your body or in any other way, I will say, Hold on to God for in due season you shall reap if you faint not.

I thank the Lord for the Church of God and its teachings. I love it because it is God's truth. Praise Him for being saved and sanctified; the Holy Ghost abides now. Pray for us to be true. May God's richest blessings rest upon the Evangel and its readers and its editor and upon all the saints everywhere. Let us all be true and not fail for when we fail some other person might fall by our lesson.

HEALED OF PARALYSIS

HONEA PATH, S. C.—I thank the Lord for the way the dear Lord has wondrously blessed me. I thank Him for the sweet Holy Ghost and fire. I am not a member of The Church of God but I believe it is the Bible church and intend to unite with this happy band soon.

On July 30th I took very sick with a severe headache which lasted almost a week and was followed by a stroke which seemed to paralyze my whole body. Even my speech was paralyzed. I could not even speak in a whisper. My people thought I had lost my mind and tried to get me in the state

hospital. Though I could not talk to them the Lord was taking care of me just like He always has.

The doctor said it would be six months or more before I would speak again, even whisper, if I ever did, but thank God there is nothing impossible with God, and when I came to myself and to realize anything the Scripture at James 5:14, 15 came to me. I could not speak but called for paper and pencil. I wrote and asked a sister who was there to call the saints. They came and laid hands on me according to Mark 16:18 and the Lord loosed my tongue, gave me back my speech, and I rose shouting and praising God. I have been talking ever since. The people of our town were astonished, many came to see me. Thank God, I am still healed and telling about what the Lord has done for me. Praise His name! I can never praise Him enough.

We have a nice church here and the Lord surely does bless in our midst. We have a band of praying people and I thank the Lord for them and for the pastor, Brother R. S. Barnes. We ask all who read this to pray for us. Pray for my husband that he may be saved before it is too late.—One who loves the Lord, Lillie Gilmer, 72 Sirrine St.

JESUS STILL HAS POWER TO HEAL

WALHALLA, S. C.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. I thank Him for healing a sister who was very sick. She was near death's door. Her people were unsaved so they wanted to do something for her—she wanted to trust the Lord. They sent for the doctor. We began to pray and the wonderful healing power fell. She was healed before the doctor could get there from only a short distance. Praise His name!—Your brother in Christ, J. C. Childers.

FITZGERALD, Ga.—God is blessing here in Fitzgerald. In the past fifteen days six have been saved, eight sanctified and five filled with the precious Holy Ghost just in our regular services. The dear Lord is truly with us and we are expecting a real revival in the near future. Our God has done great things for us; whereof we are glad.—G. B. Langford, pastor.

~:~ Sunday School Lesson ~:~

LESSON 14

SEPTEMBER 30

REVIEW: GOD IN HEBREW HISTORY

Scripture Lesson: Psa. 46. — Memory Verse: Psa. 33:5b.

GOLDEN TEXT: Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.—Psa. 145:13.

LEADING THOUGHT: To be an able leader one must be led by the Spirit of the Lord.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE OUR REFUGE

V. 1. "God is our refuge and strength." In Psa. 18:2 God is likened unto a rock, a fortress, and a horn of salvation, a high tower into which the righteous may run and be safe as they exercise faith in Him. "A very present help in trouble." Literally a very accessible help or one easy to be found, 2 Chr. 15:4.

V. 2. "Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed." Though kingdoms may raise and fall because of political changes and revolutions, the kingdom of God will endure forever and the righteous shall inherit it. "And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." The thought of revolution and violent political changes are in view in this verse which suggests a removal of the present order of the earth which is further emphasized by the mountains being carried into the sea which suggests the destruction of independent kingdoms under Antichrist who arises from the Gentile sea (Rev. 13:1), to exercise dominion over the whole world. The prophet expresses a word of hope during world conflict and the transitory changes of world kingdom.

TROUBLED NATIONS

V. 3. "Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled." By the waters are meant the different nations, Rev. 13:1; 17:15, 18. The nations roar and foam as they come in contact with each other and are troubled because of their unstable form of government and lack of peace. "Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." Mountains is a metaphorical expression for independent kingdoms of the world. The same is true of water which represents different nations. The prophet has combined the possibility of mountains shaking or kingdoms weakened and tottering because the rising up of national and international conflicts. In Psa. 93:3 he speaks of floods which represent troubled waters, as being lifted up, both in their voice and political activity, also in their ways, perhaps a reference to armed conflict and invasion of others' rights. However, the prophet follows in V. 4 to say that the Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters (or nations), "yea than the mighty waves of the sea," and therefore all the ragings of nations and overflowing activities of the Gen-

tiles will not abrogate the kingdom of God. "Selah." This word has the thought of a pause or rest in music. Note how the prophet after he has spoken of the violent uprisings of the world kingdoms before he enters upon the sacred change and precincts of God in verse 4, thrust in the selah and pauses or rests awhile. In God's selah or pause and rest we may forget the troubles of this world and not only contemplate but actually enjoy spiritual rest and refreshment.

RIVERS OF GRACE

V. 4. "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God." Passing from the scene of tumult and disturbance in the world kingdoms at large as mentioned in verses 2, 3, the prophet carries us to the city of God, the abode of each saint of God, where they shall rest in perfect peace and tranquility, where they are neither threatened by nations nor made to fear by their troubled conditions. God is in the midst of this city, Rev. 21: 22, 23, and His grace as here represented by streams, also mentioned in Rev. 22 as a pure river of water of life, Isa. 55:1, shall gladden the inhabitants of the city of God. "The holy place of the tabernacles of the most High." Both the city of God and tabernacles as here mentioned metaphorically, refer unto the city of early Jerusalem, which God would gladden and refresh if they would trust Him, even tho threatened by the invading armies of Sennacherib.

V. 5. "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved." While the world is being turned upside down, world-wide kingdoms have been destroyed and Israel has temporarily gone into captivity, it remains that God will yet set His Kingdom upon His holy hill, Psa. 2:6, even during the raging of the kings of the earth mentioned in preceding verses. "God shall help her, and that right early." Literally at the turning of the morning or the dawn of the new day. Compare Psa. 30:6; 49:14 and Isa. 17:14. The deliverance of Israel from Sennacherib was discovered early in the morning when there were found in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred eighty-five thousand dead corpses, 2 Kings 19:35.

THE HEATHEN RAGED

V. 6. "The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted." Thru the raging of the heathen against God's chosen people

their kingdoms were and will finally be destroyed thru the authority of the voice or sword of the Lord Jesus Christ, Rev. 19:21.

V. 7. "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah." Compare 2 Chr. 15:2; chap. 20:17, Isa. 8:8, 10. These promises are the ground of Israel's assurance of the presence of the Lord of hosts with them, who thru the armies or angels at His command (2 Kings 6:16, 17; Psa. 68:17; Matt. 26:53) will deliver His people when in trouble. He therefore becomes the God of Jacob thru His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and is in that sense their refuge.

V. 8. "Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth." In delivering Israel from her enemies the Lord made desolations and devastations in the ranks of other nations.

WARS SHALL EVENTUALLY CEASE

V. 9. "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth." See Isa. 2:4; 11:9; 65:25. When Israel was delivered from her enemies peace naturally followed as a consequence of her deliverance, which is typical of the final peace of Messiah's kingdom after wars have been made to cease at the end of the age. "He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder." After all offensive weapons are destroyed none shall hurt or destroy in all His holy mountain, Isa. 11:9. "He burneth the chariot in the fire." War chariots were largely employed by the Assyrians and formed the main strength of the army of Sennacherib, 2 Kings 19:23. Every weapon of war will be destroyed when the peaceful reign of Christ is set up on earth.

V. 10. "Be still, and know that I am God." See Ex. 14:13, 14; 2 Chr. 20:17; Isa. 30:15. There are times when God uses human instrumentalities to accomplish His purpose, then there are times when He bids us stand still and see the salvation of the Lord as when the Egyptians were destroyed at the Red Sea or the slaying of one hundred eighty-five thousand Assyrians during a night, and many other such occasions. "I will be exalted among the heathen." When the deliverance of Israel was seen to be miraculous, God received special honor among the heathen nations. See Dan. 3:25, 29; also Dan. 6:25-28. "I will be exalted in the earth." Thru His miraculous deliverance of His people Israel, God was exalted among neighboring heathen tribes. See 2 Chr. 32:23.

V. 11. "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah." The prophet starts out in V. 1 by acclaiming God as our refuge. After Israel had gone thru all her trouble he concludes by saying, "The Lord of hosts is with us; and the God of Jacob is our refuge. The whole trend of his writing was to the effect that God is our refuge and our high place. With this thought at heart he again thrusts in the selah and pauses for a rest in divine repose.

NOTICES

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vided for in a way that will make him glad, and you will surely not lose your reward for your part in helping him to be there. Please do not neglect this very important matter.

We would also like to know how many churches we have on the "Honor Roll." The churches that have gone over the top with the General Indebtedness drive, and also raised their quota of mission funds, are counted on the "Honor Roll," and we would like to hear from the pastors of these churches at an early date. Hoping to see you at the General Assembly, I am yours in His service.—H. N. Scoggins, overseer of W. Va.

I need two more passengers to the Assembly. Hope to leave Thursday morning, Oct. 4. If interested, correspond with E. L. Newton, 1011 54th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Church of God at Cumberland, Ky. would like to know the whereabouts of the following members: Sister Lula Sturgill and Minnie Rose.—J. M. Coots, clerk, Box 14, Cumberland, Ky.

We would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Beatrice Kirkham. If not heard from by next conference, the first of October, her name will be dropped from the church roll.—Mrs. Pauline Roach, Rt. 1, Buford, Ga.

I will be leaving for the General Assembly, Oct. 3. Can take three passengers for \$15.00 each, round trip. If interested, let me hear from you at once.—S. J. Wood, Bx. 164, Lawton, Okla.

To those from this vicinity who are interested in going to the Assembly: There is a man going from here if he can get a load. The round trip will be \$10.00 each. He will carry a stove so each can do his own cooking and there will be room for cots and quilts so that they won't be out anything except for what they eat. He wants about fourteen passengers. His truck is like a school truck, well fixed. If any one on his route wants to go and will write me, I will tell him. I don't know his address. Write at once so you can have plenty of time to get in touch with each other.

er. Several are going from Sweetwater. He intends to leave about the first so as to have plenty of time to get there by the 6th.—Mrs. Mollie L. Wilson, N. W. 2nd St., Sweetwater, Tex.

There will be a home coming at Pilgrims Rest church, Rt. 1, Doddsville, Miss., Sept. 30, instead of 23, because of a conflict with other services. We invite everybody to come and bring a full basket. Remember the offering.—W. J. Scruggs, pastor, Rt. 1, Shaw, Miss.

To whom it may concern: I am leaving for the Assembly at Chattanooga Oct. 6, with a new Dodge truck. It will be a good way to go and I can take twenty-five or thirty passengers at \$1.00 each, round trip. Those wanting to go around Ravenscroft, De Bossett, Bon Air, Black Oak, Casville, or Sparta, please get in touch with me at once.—Your brother in Christ, John L. Gentry, Rt. 2, Cookeville, Tenn.

There will be a home coming and the church will be dedicated at Kelleysville, W. Va. Sept. 23. D. V. Come and bring a well-filled basket. Everybody has a cordial invitation to attend.—R. E. Lovell, pastor.

We have a revival going on here at Ft. Wayne, Ind. Eleven were at the altar. Some are saved, some sanctified and tarrying for the Holy Ghost. We have received \$22.00 on the tent since we requested prayer for it, so keep praying for it for we surely need the tent so we can get the Gospel into a town which is a Catholic town. If any Church of God people want us for a revival drop us a card for we will be through here in a few days and we like to keep working for the Lord. Pray for us.—Your brothers in Christ, Evangelists G. L. Stone and B. W. Keckler, Fostoria, Ohio.

At the close of a two weeks' meeting at Orangeburg, S. C. we set a church in order with seventeen members. Fourteen of these have the Holy Ghost. We also organized a Sunday School with thirty-one enrolled. The Lord has blessed. Pray that God will do great things for us here. We are having good services.—Your brother, Porter M. White.

If Brother Lon Price sees this I want him to write me.—W. V. Vance, Shell Creek, Tenn.

We have just closed a revival on Oakdale road in Cobb County, Ga. with great victory. Thirty received the Holy Ghost and people are stirred. Twenty-seven were baptized in water. We thank the Lord for those who came to my rescue the last of the revival. This is a new field and a good place for a church.—Your brother, W. T. Setser.

We have secured the B.T.S. quartet for a revival which began September 10th and will continue through the 30th with Brother B. C. Robinson in charge and Sister Eva Mae LeFevre at the piano. If you come, come prepared to stay throughout the revival. We will take care of you. We want this to be an old-time camp meeting in Princeton, W. Va. which will never be forgotten. We are located on Thorn St., E. Princeton, under a large tent. We extend a hearty welcome to all to come and be with us. We desire your prayers.—Your brother in Christ, R. C. Cook, district pastor.

REQUESTS

Please pray a special prayer for me to be healed of neuralgia.—A sister, Mrs. Texie Cobb, Rt. 1, Cedartown, Ga.

On August 24th, I fell and broke my right leg just above the ankle and have been in bed nearly three weeks, not able to care for my children and my home. I know God can heal so I ask the prayers of all the Church of God that He will heal my broken bone, also that my husband and I may be able to attend Bible School this year.—Mrs. Avis Swiger, Kingsville, Ohio.

Dear saints, please pray for God to heal our boy two and one-half years old. He has whooping cough and his head has risen. He is in a bad condition but we know God is able to heal for He has healed our family many times.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Pearl McIntyre, Coffeeville, Ala.

Saints, please pray earnestly for Miss Irene Doss who has T. B. She can't enter school this year on account of it, and she doesn't want

to go away for her health. She wants everybody to pray for her.—Her pastor, Clarence Martin, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Our revival began Sept. 17th. Pray that God will save people. Pray that God will draw me nearer Him.—Mrs. Pauline Palmer, Silver Point, Tenn.

Dear saints of God, we are in a revival at Bissil Coner, Miss. and ask the saints everywhere to pray as never before. If there is any one who can come and help us we will be glad. We surely need help. There are only a few of us here but we stand for the Church of God and its teachings. Come and help us. Nine were in the altar last night and five or six hundred people were at the little brush arbor. We need your prayers. Everybody pray for my home that it will be a home of prayer, also pray for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. M. D. Lairmore, Liberty, Miss., Rt. 1 A.

I want every one who reads this to pray earnestly that God will heal me of T. B. if it is His will. I know I can't get well unless God undertakes. My husband is a sinner and drinks heavily; please pray God to save his soul. I have three children. I am in the hospital. Pray that I will win at least some of these people for Christ. If any one has old Evangelists I would appreciate getting them.—Mrs. Henry McGhee, Pima County Hospital, So. 6 Ave., Tucson, Ariz.

I have been serving the Lord nine years. It seems like I must stay in some dark corner. No one here has the Holy Ghost except me and my son but the people seem interested. Pray for me for I feel one of the least among God's children but in our weak way we are trying to have a little prayer meeting. Don't forget to call my name in prayer.—Your sister, Mrs. Parlee Mize, Rt. 1, Benton, Miss.

Please pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for my whole family to be stronger in the Lord.—Dan York, Alarka, N. C.

We are beginning a revival in Three Rivers, Tex., a new field for the Church. Brother B. C. Condrion and the writer are in charge. We hope to see a church estab-

lished here. Much prayer is needed. We are laboring with our hands to finance the work here. Pray for us.—E. E. Malone.

I earnestly request prayer that I might be able to attend the Assembly and Bible School this fall. I have sent in my application and am looking to Jesus, at least trying to. Please help me pray as things look discouraging. I have salvation. I'll appreciate your prayers.—Stanley Prescott, Memphis, Tenn.

I have had different kinds of itch and now I have what is called "weeping eczema." The good Lord healed me of the first two kinds but I haven't got victory over this last kind. It is serving me very badly. Please pray for me. Also pray for Brother Albert Carver who has head trouble.—A brother in the Lord, D. F. Baldree, Cortez, Fla.

There is an old-time revival under headway here with a long altar full. Several have been saved. Please pray that the God of Israel will give us souls for our hire.—Yours in His service, J. W. Watson, in care of J. L. Dorman, Williston, Fla.

LEST WE NEGLECT

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part to promote the cause of Christ. Not so today, but, on the other hand, while there are many who are led by the guidance of the Divine Hand, there are others who want to do the leading themselves, and when one gets that selfish desire in his heart he is in danger of becoming a fit tool for the enemy.

Contemplation

Year after year, as I go to the General Assembly, my heart is made glad to see the many cheerful faces of those who have accepted the Lord. Also, when business is in session I am very attentive to note the progress which is made in the membership of the church, the number of new churches organized, and all the different business reports. Although I enjoy the meetings immensely, at times there is a sadness which overshadows my mind as I think of those dear ones back home who were unable to attend. Some of them have never been to a district convention therefore they know not what the Church of God really means. Maybe their church has been established with ten or twelve members

by some evangelist, who, after the revival is over, pulls stakes and goes to other fields to labor. This little church is then left either to survive by the efforts of these few loyal members, or to be torn asunder by the merciless inroads of the power of darkness. This is one reason why so many churches are inactive today. My heart goes out to these little churches which have to face the battle almost single-handed.

Our Responsibility

Preachers, we are all bound for the judgment, and I am afraid that when we stand there in the blazing throne of God's judgment we will come face to face with the work we neglected in this world, for God. We may see that dear mother with the tiny babe slowly winding her way up the muddy road to the little schoolhouse where services are to be held. We may see her as she wearily sinks in an old dilapidated school chair with a sigh of relief after the weary and toilsome journey of three miles to be at service. We may see those empty seats, and the few faithful ones huddled in one corner trying to coax the wood burner to give more heat. We have never yet been brought face to face with God and we do not know what thoughts will fill our minds at this time. While these few people of God's creation are having this struggle many of the ministers of Jesus Christ, may have been enjoying the comforts of a modern home, the large congregation of a nice church, and plenty of money coming in from every hand. But what about those back there in that little schoolhouse? Are they not God's creation? Do they not deserve the same blessings from the heavenly Father as those in the nice, beautiful church? Yes, they do, and God never intended for them to be neglected of any spiritual blessing, but some of us MINISTERS have become so absorbed in our own ways until it seems as though we care only for the churches where there is a big attendance and plenty of money. Is this building on the FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES? A hundred times NO. This is a man-made foundation, and I am afraid that when the testing time comes we will find that we have builded our house on the sand.

Impartiality of Love

Acts 10:34b, "Of a truth I perceive that God is NO RESPECTER

OF PERSONS." By the above scripture we can measure our fellowship with God as far as our relation with our fellowmen is concerned. We realize that the unquestionable Word of God teaches that we should not have respect of persons, James 2:1-9. In the 9th verse of this chapter we find that James says, "But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted of the law as transgressors." We may be as pure and holy as the angelic beings in other ways, but if we have respect of persons, we commit sin. First John 3:8 teaches plainly that "He that committeth sin is of the devil." Brother ministers, the vital question I am trying to bring to the front is this, "Do we have respect of persons, when we fail to help those dear people in those isolated places where they are so greatly handicapped, while we are giving ALL of our time and talent to the large churches which are well rooted and established?" No wonder so many of our churches are disbanded and given over to the control of other church organizations; just because some of us have followed our own self-willed guidance and have pampered ourselves to such an extent that we are not willing to suffer for the sake of Christ and for the blessing which we could be to humanity. Many of us have autos, all shined and polished, in which we ride to and from church, while those desolate, unfortunate, human beings brave the storms of hail, rain and snow in order to attend their dismal place of worship, only to find no preacher there to bring them the gospel in its fullness.

Caring for the Weak

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel" (Text). Our Lord meant that every creature should have the gospel preached to them, and if we are qualified to preach the whole gospel, which I think most of us are, and then fail to carry it to these isolated places, God shall hold us accountable for our negligence. Do we intend to let these little churches suffer for the want of God's Word while we lavish all of our time and ability on the larger ones? Do not the larger churches have pastors well qualified and capable of attending to the flock? Yes, they do, and brothers, let us think of the many dear ones back there in the rugged mountain country and the sparse settle-

ments down by the creek, where our little churches have been set in order, who need to be visited and attended to, who need a word of encouragement to press onward in the battle. Let us get back to the FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES and carry the Word to those hungry hearts.

I know we all enjoy the large meetings where there are hundreds and hundreds of people ga-

thered, and where love and unity is felt in its fullness; but, there is a time for us to be willing to sacrifice in order to carry the gospel EVERYWHERE. I am sending this little message forth in hopes that it will strike the keynote in our heart and create a greater desire to do more for the members of the great CHURCH OF GOD in these small churches. May God bless everywhere is my prayer.

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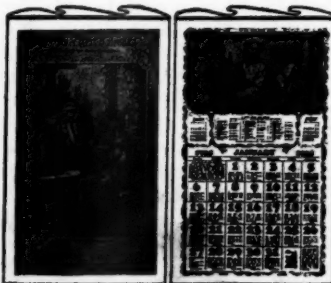
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